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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 10:30 a.m. Room 327 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Barrett, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Kivela, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller.

Representative Frederick made a motion to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on March 8, 2017. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4167 (Frederick) Vehicles; trucks; length limit; increase truck and trailer combinations transporting agricultural drainage tubing to 75 feet.

Representative Howell made a motion to report HB 4167 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Kivela, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller. (12/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: None. (0/12) (12/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid the following bill before the Committee.

HB 4070 (Kesto) Property; condemnation; requirement that state agencies evaluate government actions that may result in takings; expand to include department of agriculture and rural development, and require agency that fails to review takings assessment to pay court costs and attorney fees.

Representative Lauwers made a motion to adopt HB 4070 (H-1).

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Elder, Kivela, Phelps, Sabo, Sneller. (12/12)

Nays: None. (0/12)

Pass: None. (0/12) (12/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Frederick made a motion to report HB 4070 (H-1) with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Barrett, Alexander, Lauwers, Howell, Albert, Calley, Frederick, Kivela, Phelps. (9/12)

Nays: Representatives Elder, Sabo, Sneller. (3/12)

Pass: None. (0/12) (9/3/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

A presentation from the Michigan Agri-Business Association was provided by Jim Byrum. Topics discussed included: the business side of industry; what our members do; issues; water use; and water quality.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:08 a.m.

Representative Tom Barrett, Chair

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